Rome May 11th 1879

Mia Cara Maria

I've to apprise Mat in charge of Rome you have both my Log Letter & that you all have "jumped out of frying pan into the fire" for at Wansworth the cold must be keener than at Camden Town & you now to suffer from the long never ending winter — You'll be surprised at my having such the same cold & damp, last 2 days ago I was obliged to return to bed for warmth

16th of last we have got a little warm weather & I hope you have the same but the Winter has been deplorable for all Europe & I fear you are all sufferers, when shall we have the real Spring — It is a great consolation to me that I was all [illegible] as you might have many [illegible]

You'll be amused to hear that the MSS of last have risen in price from 10£ to 100£! & I have given them to my good Dr as I could not give him cash, for his kind attention is very great

As regards myself I am now picking up really but I have not been out for near a month on account of the cold, now the warm Spring air, may make me breathe again.

My Son Henry has not been able to come & see me!! he is now

trying to establish himself in dressing like Brummels for his family – one of his daughters is staying with Elinor who tells she has such a fine voice

The account of Rome is not at all good, a consul the people will not work & go on thieving 'tis a sad state of things – I am just putting the last touches to my Cana the first this year for I hope to leave it finished before I die but the Doctor declares that I may live for a long time that my constitution is excellent!

Ste is in great trouble – the Proctor people do not pay the rents & so he is obliged to turn them out

I am very comfortable & quite at home, considering the many discomforts of my old age – Betty my servant is so good & attentive to me

Now I am anxious to hear from you, how poor Tom is in the change of home? for he must be either better or worse, costs must be very dear – Do you suffer much from the cold? is Thom is dear Mrs Carthorne, give my love to her

And have you any good news of Caroline?

I get but few visitors, now & then, & am a little lonely, never speak any English – but continue to drink tea in the morning, they do not bring me the newspapers regularly

Your loving brother Joe

Mind I have not changed my house, but only Re-
pana for my Doctor objected to the Peake-
Trevi is spelt with an i & not an e as
you spel it. I am getting into a long letter, about
nothing & conclude with my hope that your new
residence is comfortable & pleasant

Your loving brother Joe

Died 3rd Aug. 1879